

Article - Health Occupations

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(a) Each health occupations board shall adopt specific sanctioning guidelines, including:

(1) A range of sanctions that is based on historical data or a normative process for each type of violation; and

(2) A list of mitigating and aggravating circumstances that may be used to decide if a sanction falls within or outside the established range of sanctions.

(b) Sanctioning guidelines adopted under this section shall:

(1) Conform to a general framework or incorporate a common set of elements; and

(2) Be used as a guide for sanctioning licensees and certificate holders in formal and informal proceedings.

(c) (1) To the extent a health occupations board departs from the sanctioning guidelines adopted under this section, the board shall state its reasons.

(2) A departure from the guidelines alone is not grounds for any hearing or appeal of any board action.

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